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Remarks Recall that in late 1983 the DCI asked for and received a comprehensive summary of the DCI committees (their role, goals, etc.)

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8 February 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director
Director, Intelligence Community Staff

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Reform of Federal Advisory Committees

Although this Presidential directive may not apply to the Intelligence Community, I think we should undertake on our own the same kind of review of Agency committees.

William J. Casey

Attachment:
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cc: DDA

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Reform of Federal Advisory Committees

Federal agencies receive outside advice, information, and assistance from some 900 advisory committees, councils, boards, and commissions. They include a total of about 20,000 members, at a combined annual cost of approximately $74 million. About two-thirds are established by statute.

A recent analysis found that 284 advisory committees reported no significant accomplishments during the last reporting period, and of these, 161 reported no activity whatever. The study also found that in many cases agencies failed to give serious consideration to the policy recommendations of committees.

It is evident that many advisory committees are not serving a useful purpose, and should be eliminated. It is also obvious that valuable committees are not receiving proper support and attention from agency leadership. Elimination of needless committees and improved management of the remainder will result in increased committee credibility and better advice and information at lower cost to the government.

Therefore, you should undertake a thorough review of your agency's committees and achieve the following objectives:

1. Assure that all committees are effectively managed, that they are provided adequate policy guidance, that recommendations are evaluated, and cost savings achieved wherever possible.

2. Eliminate all committees not producing significant results, or whose advice is no longer needed by the government. Legislation would be required to abolish committees established by statute.

The Office of Management and Budget and the General Services Administration will assist you in this effort and will report overall progress, consistent with the annual review required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

In the interest of good management, I urge your continued attention to this matter.

Ronald Reagan

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FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

[86 Stat. 770, P.L. 92-463, October 6, 1972, 5 U.S.C.A., App. I, p. 71]

§ Section 4. Applicability; restrictions.

(a) The provisions of this Act or of any rule, order, or regulation promulgated under this Act shall apply to each advisory committee except to the extent that any Act of Congress establishing any such advisory committee specifically provides otherwise.

(b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to any advisory committee established or utilized by—

(1) the Central Intelligence Agency; or

(2) the Federal Reserve System.

(c) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to apply to any local civic group whose primary function is that of rendering a public service with respect to a Federal program, or any State or local committee, council, board, commission, or similar group established to advise or make recommendations to State or local officials or agencies.

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